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1. PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANT RAHMAN EL BASHIR TOLD ADCM JULY 10 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM PRESIDENT NIMEIRI OF SAUDI SALE ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS OF 2 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OIL. HOWEVER, DELIVERY PERIOD IS 18 MONTHS AND NOT 12 MONTHS AS STATED REFTEL. NIMEIRI FUTHER INDICATED THAT MINFIN OSMAN HASHIM HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED RESCHEDULING OF SUDAN'S DEBT BOTH TO KUWAIT GOVERNMENT AND KUWAIT FUND WHEN HE VISITED KUWAIT EARLIER THIS MONTH. MINFIN HASHIM IS PRESENTLY IN SAUDI ARABIA TO RESCHEDULE THEIR OVERDUE OBLIGATIONS. END CONFIDENTIAL

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2. THE SUDANESE ARE SOMEWHAT DISTRESSED BY DETAILS FOR PROVISION OF CURDE. BASHIR TOLD ADCM THAT SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE THROUGH GHAITH PHARAON AT CONSIDERABLE PREMIUM ABOVE NORMAL SHIPPING CHARGES. GIVEN SUDAN'S CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, GOS FEEL THAT IT HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACCEPT SAUDI TERMS. ANOTHER SOURCE HAS INDICATED TO US THAT SAUDIS ARE ASKING ALMOST

DOUBLE NORMAL RATES FOR SHIPMENTS FROM ROSTANURA
TO PORT SUDAN.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE UNSURE OF SAUDI PURPOSE IN SPECIFYING
THAT PHARAON HANDLE SHIPPING. IT MAY SIMPLY BE DISGUISED
SUBSIDY TO SAUDI COMMERCIAL VENTURE WHICH THEY WISH TO
ENCOURAGE. HOWEVER, CERTAIN SUDANESE SUSPECT
OTHERWISE. END SECRET
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